Sanitation in certain congested localities in Trivandrum.

29. *MR. S. ADAM SAIT: Are the Government aware that the sanitation in the congested localities, such as Chalai, Pazhaya Chambakadai and Chalai B ward, is very poor and that the rubbish etc., are allowed to decompose and night-soil dumped there, and, if so, whether they have made a thorough investigation into the matter to improve the sanitation of these localities?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: The above places are the slum areas of the Trivandrum town where sanitation is somewhat poor when compared to the other parts of the town. Night-soil is not dumped in any of those areas and no rubbish is deposited in any place where it is likely to cause nuisance. The improvement in sanitation of the areas referred to is intimately connected with the major problems of drainage and town planning which are engaging the attention of Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether there is proper provision for the flow of water now gathering in the Puthirikandom during the rainy season?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Sir, with reference to the very same question it is answered.

PRESIDENT: Do not argue, please.

Award of grant to the Ayurveda Dispensary at Kozhuvanal Market.

30. MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any petitions have been received from the public requesting that a grant-in-aid be given to the Ayurveda dispensary at Kozhuvanal market in Minachil taluk; and

(*b*) whether they propose to consider these petitions favourably?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) they will be considered along with similar petitions from others, when funds become available.

[The answer was read in Malayalam.]

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: ഹർജി അയക്കാൻ തുടങ്ങിയിട്ട് എത്രകൊല്ലമായി എന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: നാലഞ്ചുവർഷമായി.

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: ആരോഗ്യസംബന്ധമായി എന്തെങ്കിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: ഇനിയെങ്കിലും വല്ലതും ചെയ്യണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: പണമുണ്ടാകുന്നതുപോലെ ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the Neyyattinkara Hospital.

31. *MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the present Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the Neyyattinkara Hospital was posted there;

(*b*) when he took charge there;

(*c*) how many times he has since been sent on special duty and where; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that, consequently the efficiency of the hospital and the treatment of the patients suffer considerably?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*): (*a*) and (*b*) 21-1-1109.

(*c*) He was not sent on special duty; but was sent on relief duty on three occasions, once to the District Dispensary, Perumkadavila and twice to the District Hospital, Parassala.

(*d*) No.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: മി. കോലപ്പപിള്ള ഇരുന്നകാലത്തെ സംഗതിയാണ ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചത്?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: ആ കാര്യമാണ പറഞ്ഞത് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെയാൾ അവിടെ പോയിട്ട കഠിനമാളെ ആയിട്ടുള്ളു.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know what is meant when it is said that the efficiency did not suffer?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Did the efficiency of the treatment suffer, was the question and the answer was that the efficiency of the treatment did not suffer. The officer in charge may have had some difficulty but the patients did not suffer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the same number of persons were treated during the absence of the Assistant?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I cannot say that. For, the number of patients will vary from day to day. I do not know the exact number of patients that were treated there during that period.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: So, may I take it that all the patients were properly attended to by the single officer during the absence of the Assistant?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes.

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